

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 Generally, only when the cause of performance drop of the system resource is correctly investigated the performance of the system resource can be maintained above a specified level. The conditions that lower the performance of the CPU, for example, include high utility rate and long queue waiting for execution of a process. If these are the causes, then it is effective to install an additional CPU. On the other hand, if a high utility rate is the only cause, then it is effective to replace the existing CPU with a better CPU.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 In the example shown in Fig. 5, the system performance information  $J_1$  is composed of the data measured in the time zone from 10:00:00 to 12:00:00. Although not shown in Fig. 5, the system performance information  $J_1$  also includes measured data in other time ~~zones~~zone and their average.